

**TO:** Board of Health

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Replacement of Policy #223.23 Individual Sewage Disposal Systems in Lancaster County with Policy #223.23 Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection Policy

The goal of the Water Quality Program is to reduce the risk of waterborne illness. The specific goals of Lincoln Municipal Code 24.38 Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and County Resolution R-13-0062 Procedures for the Regulation of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems in Lancaster County, Nebraska are to:

- (a) Promote the health and welfare of the citizens of the city/county by preventing the pollution of ground and surface water;
- (b) Prevent nuisance;
- (c) Eliminate hazards to the public health by minimizing pollution of water supplies and hazards to recreational areas; and
- (d) Minimize disease transmission potential.

Recent updates to LMC 24.38 and County Resolution R-13-0062 necessitated a review of the historic Policy #223.23 Individual Sewage Disposal Systems in Lancaster County. After staff review, they recommended replacing the old policy with an entirely new policy, modeled after the public swimming pool inspection policy adopted by the Board of Health in November 2014. The procedure section of the new policy reflects current regulatory requirements for how onsite wastewater treatment systems must be inspected. All forms have been updated to assure consistency with State and local regulations on the design, construction, and installation. A significant addition to the policy is the adoption of an inspection sheet which will be completed by staff at the time of final inspection, assuring system compliance with regulations.

This policy will help assure that Onsite Wastewater Treatment System inspections will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with Lincoln Municipal Code and County Resolution.

Staff recommends Board of Health approval of the proposed new policy.
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